



# A CULINARY & AGRITOURISM STRATEGY FOR INDIANA

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#### **AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Current culinary and agritourism landscape
- III. Strategic priorities
  - I. Policy and regulatory
  - II. Education
  - III. Marketing
- IV. Discussion
- V. Adjourn







# WHAT ARE CULINARY AND AGRITOURISM?

#### Food based:

Authentic local flavor experiences

**Culinary Tourism** 

#### Farm based:

Working landscape experiences

Agritourism







# **CULINARY & AGRICULTURAL DESTINATION?**

Preparation and Cooking Classes MICRO BREWERIES

hay rides Chocolatier Heritage barns
MAPLE TREE TAPPING BUTCHERY form stands BUTCHERY farm stands Pick and make farms AGRICULTURAL THEME PARK a Community Supported Agricultural Farms **Farmers Markets** Food Trails DINING S wedding and event barns r hiking trail Meaderies CORN MAZES petting zoo farm stays and retreat centers

FESTIVALS FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE craft distilleries u-pick patches, gardens and orchards Heritage breeds indiana grown

floral gardens, nurseries & greenhouses Screameries and Dairies

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christmas trees FARM TO TABLE







## \$704 Million

generated by farms in agritourism in 2012 compared to \$566 million in 2007

25% increase over a 5-year period

Agricultural Statistical Services, 2012







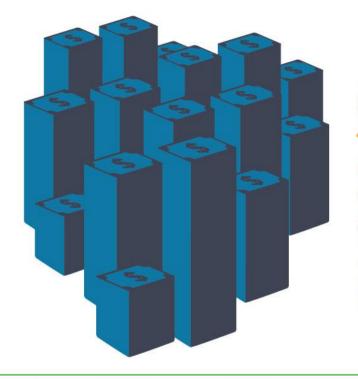
# CULINARY TRAVELERS ON THE MOVE

- 30% of US travelers choose destinations based on activities related to local food and drink.
- 78% of travelers combine culinary activities with culture, heritage and nature-based activities.
- 83% of travelers enjoy learning about local culture and cuisine.









# \$52B

generated by culinary tourism, making it the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry in the US











"The Heartland Cluster"







# WHO'S TRAVELING FOR CULINARY AND AGRITOURISM?



**Millennial** 

Food origin and variety are important; locally-sourced has replaced organic as priority; social justice orientation



Gen X

Experiential travel and more educational options geared toward children; healthy food



**Boomer** 

Seek immersive interactive experiences like participating with a chef in preparing an authentic meal

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#### **TUTTLE ORCHARDS**

8,000 tours annually
Grow 35 varieties of apples
10,000 bushels of apples yielded annually
Produce over 45 types of fruits and
vegetables









# AWARD WINNING CHEESES: JACOBS & BIRCHFORD IN CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA

Produce 3 farmstead artisan cheeses from raw milk from their grass-fed cows

Received 3 Good Food awards for food producers leading the way towards tasty, authentic and responsible food system









The List

#### Bourbon/Distillery Attractions Ranked by 2016 attendance

Locally Researched by: Allison Stines, Louisville Business First

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ABOUT THE LIST

Information was obtained from representatives of listed attractions and Louisville Business First research, Other attractions might have been eligible but did not respond to requests for information. The list is limited to attractions whose main line of business is bourbon/distillery services, open for visitors and are within 75 miles of Louisville. This is a new list: therefore; there is no notion rank listent

See a slideshow of some of the attractions listed on this page online at LouisvilleBusinessFirst.com

JIM BEAM URBAN STILLHOUSE

The attraction at 404 S. Fourth St. opened in October 2015. The attraction declined to provide an attendance figure.

Rank	Name / Prior rank	2016 attendance	2015 attendance	Services or description	Year founded	Primary owners	Top local executive(s)
1	Huber's Starlight Distillery 19816 Huber Rd. Borden, IN 47106 812-923-9463 starlightdistillery.com	205650	NA	Distilled spirits plant that utilizes both fruit and grain, tours, sampling	2001	Greg Huber, Ted Huber	Greg Huber Ted Huber
2	Buffalo Trace Distillery 113 Great Buffalo Trace Frankfort, KY 40601 502-696-5926 buffalotracedistillery.com	170587	145849	Complimentary tours; oldest continuously operating distillery in America	1773	Sazerac Co. Inc.	Mark Brown
3	Maker's Mark Distillery 3350 Burks Spring Rd. Loretto, KY 40037 270-865-2099 makersmark.com	150000	125000	Tours, gift shop, dip your own bottle	1953	Beam Suntory Inc.	Rob Samuels
4	Jim Beam Distillery 526 Happy Hollow Rd. Clermont, KY 40110 502-215-2295 jimbeam.com	135721	135721	Tours, sampling, bar, seasonal barbecue cafe	1795	Beam Suntory Inc.	NA

#### **HUBER WINERY**

900 gold, silver and bronze awards from national championships

"Not only do we produce it locally, but we're actually the farmer. That is probably one of the signature points of our tourism program."

-Ted Huber









#### **JEFFERSON STREET BBQ**

Grow produce and raise chickens on the family farm

Locally raised hogs and beef cattle

**U-pick strawberry patch** 

Soap boutique







### VISION | MISSION

Vision: to make IN the center for culinary and agritourism best practices and a destination for unmatched food and farm-based experiences.

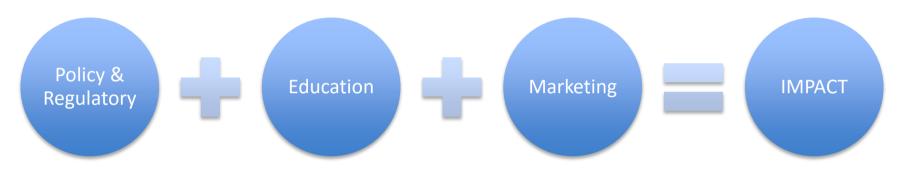
Mission: to advance culinary and agritourism as an economic driver for IN.







### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



Champion the value of culinary and agritourism

Support and empower operators

Optimize economic benefit

Industry effectiveness; consumer engagement; consumer spending







### PRIORITY #1: POLICY AND REGULATORY

- Address issues pertaining to:
  - Liability insurance
  - Signage

- Land use/zoning
- Food service on farms (cafes/restaurants, etc.) and policies/ regulations governing them
- Establish priorities that reinforce strong farmland protection but don't hinder economic opportunities for farmers and communities.
- Develop policy agenda and plan to address inconsistencies and barriers to building a high quality agritourism sector.
- Success = address policy and regulatory barriers.







### **PRIORITY #2: EDUCATION**

- Foster awareness and support among principal state agencies, universities and stakeholders.
- Underwrite/conduct/commission applied research.
- Provide small business and entrepreneur-focused consulting that benefits start-ups and growing agritourism businesses.
- Engage in visitor readiness training.
- Offer advanced professional industry development & training opportunities.
- Develop resources for entrepreneurs interested in culinary & agritoursim.
- Success = utilization of consultation, training and resources by industry.







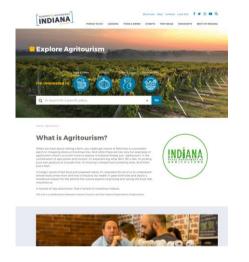
### **PRIORITY #3: Marketing**

- Inspire farm and food based visits through leading branding, marketing and communications activities.
- Work with stakeholders to develop epic destination and regionally-themed agritourism experiences that connect to outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.
- Work with stakeholders to develop regional communications strategies.
- Engage in grant making to facilitate destination development and acquisition of marketing assets.
- Underwrite/commission economic impact and advertising effectiveness research.
- Success = increased impact from earned, owned, shared and paid media;
   business driven to individual operators and regions.

### **MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES**













#### **VISITINDIANA.COM**

**INDIANA TRAVEL GUIDE** 

**FREE LISTING** 

Visitindiana.com generated over 2 million sessions in 2016. IOTD prints and distributes ½ million Indiana Travel Guides annually. Cost for a listing in both is \$380







### **CONVENE AND FACILITATE**

- Organize state government stakeholders around common goals and establish a commitment to collaboration:
  - ISDA, IOTD, OCRA, IEDC (small business and entrepreneurship), ISDH (Health),
     IDOI (Insurance), DNR, State Fair
- Bring together broader statewide stakeholder organizations (with goal of specific recommendations and joint initiatives around targeted opportunities or barriers)
  - Farm Bureau, key agritourism entrepreneurs, key culinary entrepreneurs,
     Foodways Alliance, Purdue University, Purdue Cooperative Extension, ITA,
     Brewers Guild, Wine Council, INRLA, Hoosier Rails to Trails Council